The Association of Indiana Counties presents an essay contest for fourth grade students across Indiana. The essay focus is “Ensuring the Administration of the Indiana Elections Process.”

Requirements:

- The essays should focus on the election process in your county. Students should interview the County Clerk of the Circuit Court, election administrators or election poll workers to learn how a complicated election process is administered fairly and efficiently. This would also be a great opportunity to invite these officials to the classroom.

- Essays should be no longer than one page, typed or handwritten.

- Essays will be judged according to how well students discuss the county’s role in the election process. Indiana County government provides the most critical aspect of our democratic republic, administering the elections. Students should answer these questions: Who in the county administers elections, ensuring that voters have an opportunity to participate? Who works on Election Day to make sure the elections are voter friendly? Why is all of this important?

- Parent(s)/guardian’s names, phone and email (Note: this is for notification of the winners).

- Teacher’s name, school and email.

- To be considered by our judging committee, all entries should be postmarked by April 15, 2019 and mailed directly to the address below:

  Attn: Molly Smith
  Association of Indiana Counties
  101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1575
  Indianapolis, IN 46204

Prizes: $100 will be granted to one student in each region of Indiana: Northwest, Northeast, West Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast. If possible for the parents and student, AIC would like to invite the winner to read their essay at the AIC’s annual district meetings. Checks will be distributed in late April / early May at our district meetings: Northeast, Northwest, West Central, Southwest, Southeast, and East Central.

AIC would like to request the distribution of these instructions and/or the forward of this message to all 4th Grade teachers. We welcome any questions and/or concerns. AIC thanks you for your time, and we look forward to reviewing all the hard work the students put into their essays.

Winners will be announced and notified in late April 2019. The winners may be announced to local media.

If you have questions, please contact Molly Smith at msmith@indianacounties.org or (317) 684-3710.